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The following is a summary of information on Soviet-occupied airfields and air activities received prior to 15 September 1955:

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1. General:

There was little air activity by units of the 24th Air Army, presumably because of unfavorable weather. There was no change in the OB of air-force units.

2. Aircraft Count:

Rechlin-Laers:

53 MiG-15's & MiG-17's, and three IL-28's on
1 September

Brandenburg-Industriehafen:

30 IL-10's on 5 September

Stendal;

30 IL-10's (approximately) on 31 August

Werneuchen:

35 IL-28's (approximately) on 2 September

Oranienburg:

32 IL-28's on 5 September

Gross Doelln:

25 IL-28's on 2 September

Neuruppin:

No aircraft on 6 September

3. Air Activity:

- a. In late August, flights in squadron strength were repeatedly practiced over the Wittstock Airfield for periods of approximately 30 minutes.
- b. In early September, MiG-15's from the Brandenburg-Briest Ground-attack Regiment practiced flying in squadron strength.
- c. Between 24 and 26 August, the Doeberitz Ground-attack Regiment, employing Il-10's, was in an alert status. Approximately 20 trucks, as well as soldiers with baggage, were preparing to leave.¹
- d. The Neuruppin Fighter Regiment did not return to their home field until 6 September. Approximately 12 construction laborers worked with pneumatic

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hammers and street rollers on the middle section of the Neuruppin runway.²

e. Between 6:15 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. on 27 August, groups of five men made many parachute jumps from three LI-2's over the Schoenewalde Airfield.³

4. Shipments:

a. The following rail fuel shipments were made from Boehlen to the following airfields: 13 tank cars to Neuruppin on 26 August and 14 tank cars to Oranienburg on 3 September.

b. On 30 August, approximately 60 crates, measuring 2 x 2 x 2 meters, were unloaded by a crane from a train on the spur track at the Doeberitz Airfield.⁴

5. Construction Projects:

On 7 September, it was learned that test concreting was started on the Allstedt (Querfurt) Airfield in the last week of August.⁵

6. Miscellaneous:

On 1 September, a group of approximately 150 trainees left the Doeberitz Technical School. It was observed that many boxes and suitcases were purchased in Doeberitz.⁶

Comments:

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1. This was probably an alert practice by the Regiment prior to their being employed in Army exercises.

2. The present location of the Neuruppin Fighter Regiment is unknown. Their absence made possible the repair work on the runway.

3. These were probably routine parachute jumps made by a unit stationed near the Schoenewalde Airfield.

4. Since the size of these crates is unusual, it is presumed that their size was overestimated. It is possible that these crates contained aircraft engines for the Doeberitz Ground-attack Regiment, since there has repeatedly been an exchange of aircraft engines after every maneuver in previous years.

5. The concreting work, which was expected, has started in the mean time. Test concreting is usually done prior to the actual concrete work in order to determine the work quotas.

6. The training courses at the technical school of the 24th Air Army generally terminate in October.

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